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REMARKS

The objections to the specification and the drawings are being obviated by amendments to the specification set forth herein.

The allowance of Claim 5-8 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinkead, et al. in view of de Ruiter.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the fabrication of a filter material for a semiconductor processing system. One skilled in the art would not look to the teachings of de Ruiter, which relates to filters for building air conditioners or motor vehicles, to provide for the fabrication of filters for semiconductor processing systems. Filters for such processing systems involve removal of trace contaminants at low concentrations and low pressure drop for which the de Ruiter filter is not suitable.

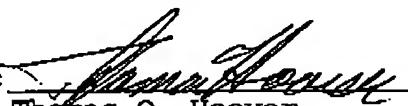
New dependent claims 9-20 have been added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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